

REMARKS

Claims 16-50 have been cancelled, claims 2 and 11 have been amended, and new claims 51-61 have been added. No new matter is added by virtue of these amendments; support therefor can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims of the application. For instance, the amendments to claims 2 and 11 are presented merely to correct minor informalities appearing in the original claims; and new claims 51-61 are presented largely to recite the subject matter of original claims 27-31 in accordance with U.S. patent practice, e.g., without improper multiple dependencies.

As an initial matter, Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 1-15 and 27-30 are allowed.

Applicants also note that certified copies of the two UK priority documents will follow shortly under separate cover.


An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently herewith. Both of the cited references are addressed in the present application at page 2, lines 8-18. Consideration of the two references cited and return of the initialed Form PTO-1449 are requested.

Claim 31 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), for reciting an improper multiple dependency. It is believed that the within amendments obviate the objection. In particular, the subject matter of allowed claims 27-30 and of original claim 31 is now recited in new claims 51-61. Withdrawal of the objection is therefore requested.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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